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Question:

It is stated in paragraph 66 of the Budget Speech that the Government will provide “additional funding of \$50 million for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to acquire local visual artists’ outstanding artworks”. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of:

- (1) the expenditure incurred by the LCSD on the acquisition of artworks in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) and in the coming year;
- (2) the number and types of local and overseas artworks acquired by the LCSD in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) and in the coming year, as well as the duration of and venues for displaying these works?

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Reply:

- (1) The expenditure incurred by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) on the acquisition of artworks in the past five years is listed below:

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2008-09	5.20
2009-10	6.39
2010-11	10.77
2011-12	1.82
2012-13	3.39

It is expected that the expenditure to be incurred in the acquisition of artworks in the coming year (2013-14) will be higher than that in previous years with the additional funding provided by the Government. However, a more detailed estimate is not available since the amount spent depends on the price and number of artworks to be identified and successfully acquired in the year.

- (2) The number and types of local and non-local artworks acquired by LCSD in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13) are listed below.

Year	Number of local artworks acquired	Types	Number of non-local artworks acquired	Types
2008-09	181	Photography, paintings, drawings, collages, sculptures, ceramics, installations, design products	13	Paintings and design products
2009-10	142	Photography, paintings, prints, calligraphies, sculptures, ceramics, installations, mixed media, design products	20	Paintings, ornaments and design products
2010-11	146	Photography, paintings, prints, calligraphies, sculptures, ceramics, installations, mixed media, design products	13	Paintings, animations, ceramics, metal works and design products
2011-12	253	Photography, paintings, prints and sculptures	2	Paintings and drawings
2012-13	1 628*	Photography, paintings, prints, calligraphies and sculptures	2	Paintings and drawings

* Including 1 600 photo negatives from a photographer. The acquisition was made through the artist's family at an enormously discounted price.

Selected artworks acquired by LCSD in the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13) have been displayed in various museum exhibitions with details below:

	Exhibition Title	Venue	Duration (No. of Days)
2008-09			
1	The Children's Paradise - The Art of Lo Koon-chiu	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	198
2009-10			
2	A Retrospective Exhibition of Ding Yanyong's Art	Guangzhou Museum of Art	93
3	The Enchanting Brush: Selected Works of Chinese Painting and Calligraphy by Chao Shao-an from the Museum collection	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	141

	Exhibition Title	Venue	Duration (No. of Days)
2010-11			
4	Hong Kong Contemporary Art Biennial Awards 2009	Hong Kong Museum of Art	63
5	City Flâneur: Social Documentary Photography	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	170
6	Legacy and Creations - Art vs Art (during Expo 2010 Shanghai)	Museum of Contemporary Art, Shanghai	28
7	Legacy and Creations - Ink Art vs Ink Art (during Expo 2010 Shanghai)	Shanghai Art Museum	24
8	2010 Tea Ware by Hong Kong Potters	Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware	240
9	The New Acquisition of Chinese Painting: Lam Wu-fui	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	202
10	The 7th International Ink Painting Biennial of Shenzhen – Hong Kong Ink Art	Guan Shanyue Art Museum, Shenzhen	28
2011-12			
11	Legacy and Creations - Ink Art vs Ink Art and Art vs Art	Hong Kong Museum of Art	81
12	From Clay to Teapot: Tea Ware by Hong Kong Potters 1986 - 2010	Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware	348
13	Cruising the Universe: Fantastic Animals in the Arts of China	Hong Kong Museum of Art	On-going
14	Imprint of the Heart: Artistic Journey of Huang Xinbo	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	125
15	A Man of East, West, South and North–Liu Kuo-Sung 80th Birthday Retrospective Exhibition	National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts	93
2012-13			
16	The Heavenly Breeze: Selected Works of Gao Qifeng and His Disciples	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	430
17	Hong Kong Photography Series 3: Beyond the Portrait	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	119
18	Collecting for 50 Years - The People and Their Stories	Hong Kong Museum of Art	On-going
19	A Hundred Paintings from the Hong Kong Museum of Art	Hong Kong Museum of Art	192

As each piece of artwork is unique and the price varies depending on its nature, scale and artistic merit, the number of artworks to be acquired and the plan for their display in the coming year cannot be estimated.

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